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Our August Meeting

“Art Deco – Look Up and Smile”

We had a very interesting and well-attended presentation last month from David O’Loughlin, the convenor of the Adelaide chapter of the Art Deco and Modernism Society of Australia. The society was first formed in Melbourne in 1992. The Adelaide chapter opened in 2008, and another opened in Brisbane in 2015.

The purpose of the society is for the “preservation and celebration of aspects of Art Deco and Modernism, such as architecture, landscaping, furniture, industrial design, fashion, graphics, art, jewellery, entertainment and transport.” (ADMSA Website)

Art Deco first appeared before WWI, but its development was interrupted by the war. The style began to flourish again, first in France where it took its name from “Exposition Internationale des Arts Décoratifs et Industriels Modernes”, held in 1925. It became a world-wide style, and came to Australia in the late 1920 -30s.

David showed us many different examples of Art Deco in Europe, USA and South America before focussing on South Australian examples like the Lobethal Centennial Hall, The Capri Cinema, the upgraded Thebarton Town Hall, the Rundle Buildings and our own former council building. He showed many of the possible features, including strong lines and curves, large, solid entrances, wide rectangular and round windows, fluting, parapets, pilasters, chevrons, fleur de lis, columns and frozen fountain motifs, to name a few.

Apart from architecture, Art Deco influenced the design of cars, aeroplanes, hair styles, jewellery and clothing, not to

mention household goods, like our old Bakelite radios, clocks and tableware.

Those of us who knew nothing of Art Deco before are now recognising it everywhere!

Heritage comes in many forms!

In the churchyard of the Church of St. Mark in Penwortham in the Clare valley, which was looking a little wild and overgrown in places, I came across this little plaque. I had heard about old churchyards being a source of heritage plants but had never seen a plaque before.

Unfortunately it was the wrong time of year to see what these heritage roses looked like.



Photo - John Hoult

From the Newspapers 100 Years Ago

It would appear that some people considered that competition between the sheep breeders should be abandoned and their sheep should merely be exhibited.

Not everyone agreed but this proposal seemed a little complicated and over a very long time frame.

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*Register (Adelaide, SA : 1901 - 1929),
Thursday 20 September 1917, page 6*

SHEEP AT THE SHOW.
From "BREEDER": - With respect to the article on merino sheep at the Royal Show I do not consider that merino men cannot take a beating in a sportsmanlike way. Further, I do not think the "Exhibition only" idea is any advance on the old system. Perhaps it does save some of the weaker men a few pang of jealousy, but it creates no desire among them to excel, nor is it much of an education to the rising generation of sheepmen, which should be the first consideration. With the object of securing a better method, I suggest that a substantial prize should be given for the best pen of ram, wether, or ewe lambs, under five mouths, to be shorn on the ground; and the offer of further prizes the next year for the best ram, wether, or ewe from those lambs (to be determined by a competent breeder on points), the best fleece shorn from each class on the ground (to be judged by wool experts on points), In addition prizes should be given for the best mutton sheep in each class (to be judged by expert butchers on points), and finally championship awards should be made in each class, and a grand champion sheep for the animal scoring the most points in all classes.

ON THE WAR FRONT

Returned invalid soldiers were welcomed back by the Adelaide City Council and from the writeup it seems that this was not the first time this had been done and would not be the last.

I wonder if the restriction on alcohol was invoked and if it could, or would, be accomplished.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

MORE RETURNING SOLDIERS ON FRIDAY. *The military authorities notified on Wednesday that a batch of 300 invalid soldiers from the front will reach the Adelaide Railway Station at 11.35 a.m. on Friday. They will be met by the Mayor of Adelaide (Mr. I. Isaacs), members of the City*

Council, and the Town Clerk, who will accompany them in procession on the usual route through the city. The Mayor asks that the buildings in the principal streets shall be decorated, and that employees be permitted to leave their work to welcome the men while they are passing. The Town Hall bells will be rung upon the arrival of the train. The men comprise list No. 16, which was published in The Register on Saturday last. The District Commandant (Brig.-Gen. J. K. Forsyth, C.M.G.) reports that the men will arrive by a vessel, which may possibly remain for a day or two. It is the intention of the Commandant, should the length of stay of the steamer admit of shore leave being granted to the troops on board, to order that no sale of intoxicating liquor within a radius of 12 miles from the General Post Office, Adelaide shall be permitted to any person during the time the soldiers are on shore leave, also that no intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to any members of the naval and military forces during that period. Notices regarding the orders of the Commandant on these matters will be published as soon as the necessity arises. In connection with the arrival of the troops the Automobile Association invites motorists to assist in conveying the wounded soldiers in the procession.

News from the Marion Heritage Research Centre

With no more public events scheduled for this year, we have more time to help you with your heritage enquiries! Come and browse our newly catalogued City of Marion photo albums, full of pictures of council openings, people and events since the 1960s! Or let us help you with finding out about your house's history, by teaching you how to search SAILIS, the Land Titles' historical records, now available online for free!

For more information on the Heritage Research Centre please call on 7420 6445 or email heritage@marion.sa.gov.au

Marion Historical Society

**Wednesday 18th October 2017
7.30pm at Cooina**

Melanie Oppenheimer

"History of the Red Cross"

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